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I.

O U R Merchants and Tarrs a strange Pother have made,
With Losses sustain'd in their Ships and their Trade :
But now they may laugh, and quite banish their Fears,
Nor mourn for lost Liberty, Riches, or *Ears* :
Since *Blue-string* the Great,
To better their Fate,
Once more has determin'd he will *Negotiate* ;
And swears the proud *Don*, whom he dares not to fight,
Shall submit to his Logick, and do 'em all Right.

II.

No sooner the Knight had declar'd his Intent,
But straight to the *Irish Don Diego* he went ;
And lest, if alone, of Success he might fail,
Took with him his Brother to *Balance* the Scale :
For long he had known,
What all Men must own,
That Two Heads were ever deem'd better than One :
And sure in *Great Britain* no two Heads there are
That can with the *Knight's* and his *Brother's* compare.

III.

These Worthies arriving at *Don Diego's* Gate,
A long while in the Street were obliged to wait :
They, at length, were let into a Room without Fire,
And to speak with *Don Diego* most humbly desire ;
They tarry'd full long,
Yawn'd, whistled and sung,
With Impatience at length they began to be stung ;
When a Servant demanded their Message in Writing,
For the *Don* had been purged that Day, and was Sh——g.

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On this they arose, and prepar'd to be gone,
Presenting their humble Respects to the *Don*,
They said they'd attend him next Day, if he pleas'd;
In order to which his Man's Fist was well greas'd:

So without further Speeches,

H— tuck'd up his Breeches,

(Pray note what great Patience *Negotiating* teaches)

And both Knight and Squire for that time went away,
Resolving to wait on *Don Diego* next Day.

V.

When the Morrow was come, to the *Don* they repair,
Who bid them the Cause of their Visit declare.
Quoth the Knight, Noble *Don*, I am come to implore,
That you would their Ships to our Merchants restore:

For, sure as a Gun,

I shall else be undone,

And whither for Refuge, alas! shall I run?

You very well know my sad Case, that I dare

Neither *ask you for Peace*, nor yet *offer you War*.

VI.

Quoth *H*—, I beg, gentle *Don*, I may join
In the humble Request of this Brother of mine;
And surely I hope he may merit your Pity,
Since for you he has labour'd in every Treaty.

Were each *Secret Evil*

In the Treaty of *S—lle*,

Fully known, he would quickly be sent to the Devil;

And since he so often has ventur'd a Halter,

Who knows but at last he may give up *G—r*?

VII.

Consider how often himself he expos'd,
And 'twixt You and *Great Britain's* just Rage interpos'd:
When her Fleets were equipp'd, you must certainly know,
By him they were hinder'd from striking a Blow.

Thus *Hofier* the brave

Was sent to his Grave,

On an Errand which better had fitted a Slave;

Being order'd to take (if he could) your Galleons,

By the Force of *Persuasion*, not that of his *Guns*.

VIII.

Quoth the *Don*, what you say, my good Friends, may be true,
But I wonder that you for such Varlets will sue.

Merchants! ha! they were once *Sturdy Beggars*, I think,

And were I in your Place, I would let them all sink.

They oppos'd your *Excise*;

Thus, if you are wise,

Reject their Petitions, be deaf to their Cries;

And let us like Brothers together agree,

You *Excise* them on *Land*, I'll *Excise* them at *Sea*.

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Noble *Don*, quoth the Knight, I should heartily close
 (For hugely I like it) with what you propose :
 Our Merchants are grown very faucey and rich,
 And 'tis Time to prepare a good Rod for their Breech :
 Were I *once* to *speake true*,
 Give the Devil his due,
 I love them as little, nay, far less than you ;
 And would willingly crush them, but that I'm afraid
 Of this a bad Use by my Foes might be made.

X.

Sir Knight, quoth the *Don*, 'tis in vain to discourse,
 For Words are with me of no manner of Force ;
 If you mean to convince me, Sir *Blue-string*, you must
 Without farther Prating, *come down with your Dust*.
 Then, for one Year or twain,
 They shall quiet remain,
 After which I'll fall on with fresh Fury again :
 If you like my Proposal, strait count out the Guineas,
 Or else pray be gone like a Couple of Ninnies.

XI.

When the *Don* had done speaking, the Knight and his Brother
 For a Time, like stuck Pigs, stood and star'd at each other ;
 But finding at last that he scorn'd for to stoop,
 They immediately gave him a Warrant on *S—p* :
 Then strutting away,
 To each other they say,
 Our Politicks have put off this Evil Day :
 Let us now to our Master, and swear that the Nation
 Had been lost, were it not for our *Negotiation*.

XII.

To *S—* *J—*'s they went, and accosted the *K—*,
 And said, My *D—* *L—*ge, happy Tidings we bring.
Don Diego at first was as stiff as the Devil,
 But we soon found a Method to make him more civil :
 We shew'd him the Amount
 Of the Merchants Account,
 And told him your *M—*'s Sword was not blunt ;
 At which he began for to tremble and quake,
 And promises *full Satisfaction* to make.

XIII.

How happy is *Britain* such Heroes to breed,
 To stand by the Nation in Cases of Need !
 What a Great Man is he ! who his Enemies beats,
 Without the Assistance of Armies or Fleets ?
 He can quell ev'ry Foe,
 Without striking a Blow,
 And can conquer *as far as the Money will go* :
 And when he at last has exhausted your Store,
 On his *Personal Credit* he'll borrow you more.

F I N I S.

And the first of these
is the fact that the
people of the world
are not yet united
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purpose and
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